

## AUGUST 30, 2020: LITURGY OF THE WORD

**PRELUDE** "Deck thyself, my soul with gladness"

*Arrangements by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750), Max Reger (1873–1916),  
Johannes Brahms (1833–1897), and Gottfried August Homilius (1714–1785)*

*For more information about this morning's Prelude, please see page 13.*

*Please stand.*

**PROCESSION**

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*All together:*

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**THE TRISAGION**

*Celebrant*

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,

*People*

**Have mercy upon us.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*Please sit.*

## FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 45C***Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

**SECOND READING**

Romans 12:9-21

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are

thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 16:21-28

*Celebrant*        The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

*Celebrant*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please sit.*

## **SERMON**

*Please stand.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* We ask God to hear us, saying, "Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer."

*Leader* For God's church, for the Anglican Communion, for this diocese, for the parish of St. Andrew's, and for our sister parish, Christ the King Church and School in LeHoye, Haiti, and for our joint mission project and Daughters of the King chapter with St. Paul's, Albany. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For this nation, the city of Albany, and all cities and communities facing increased gun violence. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For blessing and protection for those caring for the ill and those working for social justice and equal opportunities for all. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For those who are poor, unemployed, sick and in need. We especially remember... **Mary H., Kevin, Terri, Ethel, B.J., Art, Agnes, Patricia, Manuel, Amy, Dennis, Betty Dean, Melinda, Matthew, Ethan, Richard, Rita, Elizabeth, Adam, Terence, Jeff, Seneca, Danny, Michael, Yeva, John, Allen, Lavinia, Frieda, Pren, Bernadette, Jennifer, Steve, Andrea, Margaret, Mary, John H., Chris, Patsy, Nancy, Steve M., Marcy, Bob, Don, Carmen, Tristan, Jim C., Claire, Jaxon, Bob, Winter Lillee, Marlena, Ro, Peter, Casey, Bob L., Mona, Bill H., Barbara, Sadie, Morrill Family, Vince, Bob T., Lisa, Geoff, Fr. Keith, Jose, Henry, Rick, Melissa & family, Deb, Alex & Danielle & family, Fred T., Sarah, Roland** and those we now name silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all here present and those worshipping remotely. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For courage and wisdom to be good stewards of your creation and to combat the causes of climate change and for those suffering from natural disasters. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For the thanksgivings and blessings that we name silently or aloud. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* For all who have died, and for the victims of violence and COVID-19. Lord, in your mercy,

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Let us pray for power and spirit among the people of God. Together, we say,

**God of all power and love,**

**we give thanks for your unfailing presence**

**and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.**

**Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.**

**Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:**

**a people who pray, worship, learn,**

**break bread, share life, heal neighbors,**

**bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.**

**Wherever and however we gather,**

**unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,**

**that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand or kneel.*

## **THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People*    **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*    **And also with you.**

*Then the Celebrant and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord from their places, acknowledging their presence without touch.*



# HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERING

*Celebrant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

**Note on congregational singing:** In this season of heightened caution, St. Andrew's is not including congregational singing in our services. We recognize this is a loss to all of us that we take on to embody the love of Christ for our neighbors and ourselves. We encourage you to meditate fervently on the words of the hymn, and we invite you to quietly hum the music to yourself.

Please sit.

## HYMN

"Take my life, and let it be"

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im-pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836–1879), alt. | Music: *Hollingside*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)

*Please stand.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

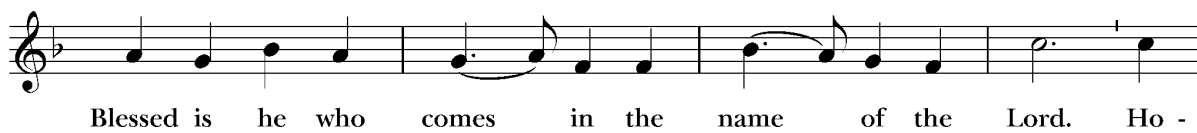
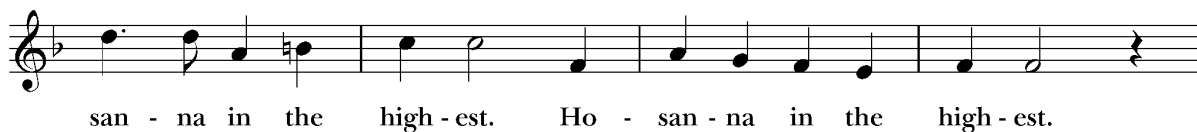
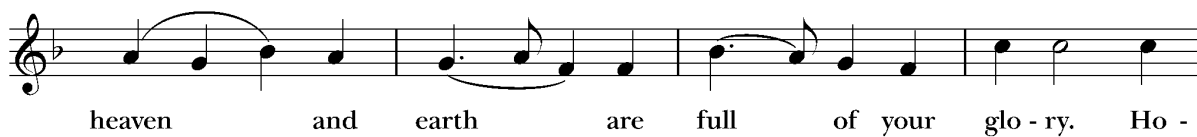
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Soloist*



Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant lays a hand above it; and at the words concerning the cup, places a hand above the cup.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we now pray,

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Then may be said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People*           **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The Celebrant receives the Sacrament in the form of bread, and then immediately delivers it to the people. The people will be directed toward the altar by the ushers, traveling up the center aisle while continuing to wear masks, disinfecting their hands, then receiving the bread in their open hands, while standing. Masks may be temporarily removed to ingest the host, but kindly wait until passing the Celebrant before doing so. Return to your seats via the side aisles.*

*The Bread is given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.

*People*           **Amen.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please stand.*

## **BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*      The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

*People*          **Amen.**

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### *Notes on today's Prelude from Brian Glikes:*

This morning, we hear settings of the beloved Communion hymn "Deck thyself, my soul with gladness," arranged by composers from four different generations. Bach's arrangement is typically complex, with a decorated melody and elaborate accompaniment. Reger has a more grand interpretation, with a wide dynamic range and dense harmonies. Brahms's prelude, characterized by understated elegance, is one of the last pieces he ever composed. We conclude with the most exuberant setting of the four, a trio by Gottfried August Homilius, written with the whimsical simplicity of the beginning of the Classical Era.

The hymn was written by Johann Franck (1618–1677), and the music was composed by Johann Crüger (1598–1662). With its descriptive and intimate text, the hymn is one of the most personal reflections on Communion in our hymnal.

*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy thy praises render  
unto him whose grace unbounded  
hath this wondrous banquet founded;  
high o'er all the heavens he reigneth,  
yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.*